

EVENT ADVISORY

750 MILLION WIDOWS AND CHILDREN AT RISK

At UN Headquarters, First-Ever International Widows Day Panel to Alert World on the Plight of Widows

WHAT: On June 23, 2011, the world will mark the first International Widows Day with a panel discussion and conference at the United Nations in New York. The event will bring together widows, advocates, diplomats, UN officials, NGOs and other dignitaries to address the plight of hundreds of millions of widows and their children who live as marginalized individuals, deprived of rights and under conditions of social and economic hardship. Speakers will address the issues of poverty, discrimination, and the infringement on human rights that widows face in countries around the world. Improving the lives of widows and their children is also central to realizing the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals and achieving social and economic justice and empowerment for women.

WHO: Organizers

Dr. Michelle Bachelet, Executive Director of UN Women, former President of Chile

Madame Sylvia Bongo Ondimba, First Lady of the Gabonese Republic

Participants

Mrs. Ban Soon Taek, wife of the United Nations Secretary General

Mrs. Cherie Blair, President, the Loomba Foundation

Mr. Amir Dossal, Founder, Global Partnerships Forum

Dr. Heidi Hartmann, President, Institute For Women's Policy Research

Lord Raj Loomba, Founder and Chairman, the Loomba Foundation

Mrs. Lyric Thomson, Senior Policy Analyst, Women for Women International

And **representatives of the UNFPA and the member states**

WHEN: Thursday, June 23, 2011, 10:00AM-12:00PM

WHERE: United Nations, NBL, Conference Room 2
East 47th Street & 1st Avenue
New York, NY 10017

Note: A buffet lunch will follow at the Millennium Hotel- Diplomatic Ballroom, at 1pm. Please RSVP if you would like to attend.

For Broadcast: UNTV will be feeding the panel conference live, as well as streaming it online.

International Widows Day:

To give special recognition to the situation of widow's across all regions, the United Nations General Assembly on 21 December 2010 adopted, at the initiative of the Gabonese Republic,

Resolution 65/189 and declared 23 June as International Widow's Day. Adopted by consensus, the resolution had the joint sponsorship of 56 countries. The rare designation of an international day recognizing widows by the UN follows independent verification of shocking levels of violence and deprivation faced by the 245 million widows and more than 500 million of their children worldwide.

Nearly 60 million widows live in extreme poverty where basic needs go unmet. Widows and their children disproportionately suffer from malnutrition, poor health and physical insecurity, putting widows at greater risk for rape, HIV/AIDS and domestic violence. Up until now, widows have been a disadvantaged class of peoples who have not been recognized as such. International Widows Day is the first step in raising awareness for this important cause and seeks to bring about greater dignity and human rights for widows the world over.



His Excellency Mr. Ali Bongo Ondimba
President of the Gabonese Republic

and
His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations

request the pleasure of your company at a Dinner
commemorating 30 years of the Global Response to AIDS

Tuesday, 7 June 2011 at 7:00 pm
Cocktail starts at 6:30 pm

The New York Palace Hotel
455 Madison Avenue

Business attire

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Son Excellence M. Ali Bongo Ondimba
Président de la République Gabonaise

et
Son Excellence M. Ban Ki-moon
Secrétaire général des Nations Unies

vous prient de leur faire l'honneur d'assister au Dîner
commémorant 30 années d'action internationale contre le SIDA

Mardi 7 juin 2011 à 19 :00
Cocktail à 18 :30

Au New York Palace Hôtel
455 Madison Avenue

Tenue de ville

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H.E. ALI BONGO ONDIMBA

PRESIDENT OF THE GABONESE REPUBLIC

&

MRS. BONGO ONDIMBA

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at a Reception of Gala Dinner
to celebrate*

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Tuesday, September 21st at 6:30 pm

American Museum of Natural History
Akeley Hall of African Mammals
79th Street and Central Park West
New York City

Business Attire

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Join us

June 8th, 2011

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

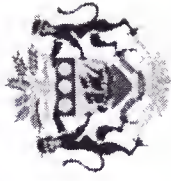
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The Mission of Gabon
cordially invites you to a luncheon on the occasion of the

FIRST INTERNATIONAL WIDOWS' DAY

following the conference at the United Nations

Thursday June 23rd, 2011
1 pm - 3 pm

Millenium UN Plaza Hotel
The Diplomatic Ballroom

One United Nations Plaza | 44th Street | Between 1st and 2nd Avenue

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